



"Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything" -Plato

A Note from Ms. Liz

Dear Families,

I hope you had a relaxing vacation and are looking forward to spring activities. In the coming weeks, we will continue to develop new musical skills, prepare for the KITS (theory) evaluation, and choose favorite pieces for our performances in May.

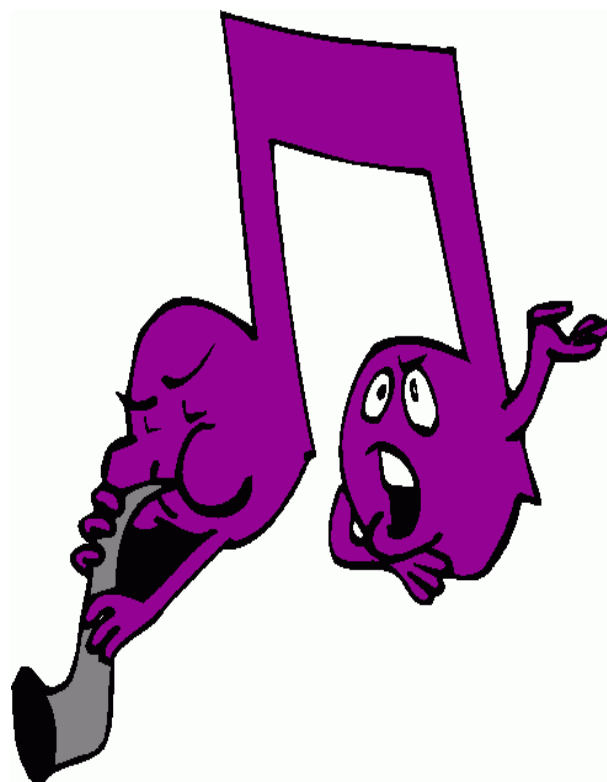
All of the students are making good progress. Please encourage them to practice each day. With your support in scheduling time on busy days, they will continue to succeed.

Before long, we will be celebrating this year's efforts!

Sincerely,

Miss Liz

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Important Reminders

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Practice Tips

Piano students know how to sit up straight and curve their hands. Here are some “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes” tips to help keep a relaxed posture.

Head: Make sure your head is “sitting” at the top of the neck, and your eyes are looking straight ahead.

Shoulders: Keep your shoulders down and back.

Knees: Remember to keep your knees right in front of you, bent slightly.

Toes: Make sure that your toes rest on the floor or footstool. The whole foot needs to be flat.

***Reward yourself:** Have a “pretend” recital. Dress up in your recital clothes and shoes and play your pieces for family and friends. Enjoy the applause!*



Reminders for the Calendar!

Fall Prices

If paid in total:

30-minute lessons

\$180

45-minute lessons

\$210

If paid in three installments each will be:

30-minute lessons

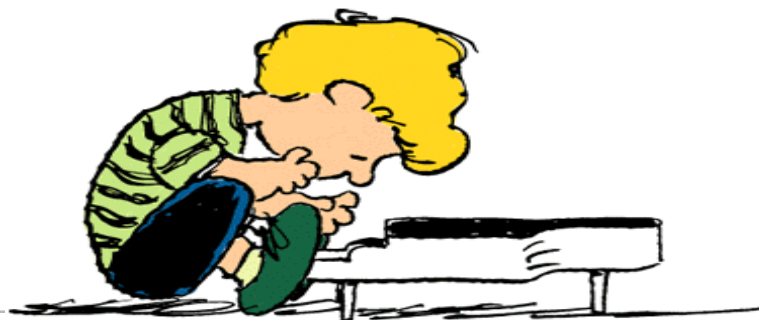
\$60

March 17-25: NO LESSONS

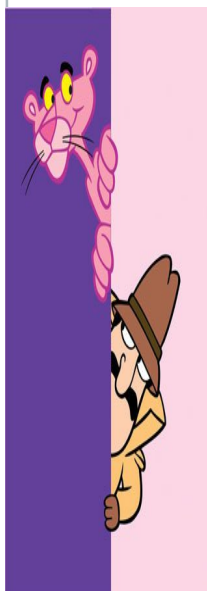
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May 12	NHMTA Evaluations (all prep. Students)	All Day –Silver Center for the Arts
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Family Fun!



March Birthdays:

March 21, 1685: Johann Sebastian Bach was one of the greatest Baroque composers. He lived in Germany. Check out his March played on the harpsichord:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eLY_hBtpI

March 31, 1732: Franz Joseph Haydn was an Austrian composer from the Classical period. He is known for his *Surprise Symphony*. Check out Haydn's March played on the xylophone:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQ3fU>

April Birthdays:

April 7, 2004: Miss Olivia Dodge is a PSU piano prep student.

April 16, 1924: Henry Mancini was an American composer of film and popular music. Enjoy a cartoon of his famous "Pink Panther:"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhHwnr1ZRus>

April 23, 1918: Sergei Prokofiev was a Russian composer and pianist. Many people recognize his famous work, *Peter and the Wolf*. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zr25umYkxe4&feature=related>

What's a March?

A March is a composition with strong repeating rhythms and a simple style. It's usually written with two or four beats per measure. Most marches are played for parades and military functions.

Here at PSU, the students play marches in the Symphonic Band. **You're invited to hear them on April 21, 2012 in the Hanaway Theater at 7 pm.**

Practice Games:

Recognizing notes and keys on the piano is important. Take a look at these two websites for practice games.

http://www.musictechteacher.com/quiz_catapult_identify_piano_notes/play.html

http://www.musictechteacher.com/quiz_lines_and_spaces_hoopshoot.htm

Musical Jokes:

Q: Why did Mozart get rid of his chickens?

A: They kept saying "Bach, Bach, Bach!"

Q: What kind of note would a rabbit live in?

A: A whole.

Q: Which composer can never be found?

A: Haydn!



PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

March 10	Contemporary Festival (College Students Perform)	3:15-Smith Recital Hall
April 15	Chamber Recital Bozena O'Brien, violin – Gary Hodges, cello Carleen Graff, piano	4:00 PM – Smith Recital hall
May 9	PSU Chamber Players Concert Piano ensembles performs duets and trios	7:00 pm—Smith Recital Hall
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